

Program D: Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) Tuition

Unless otherwise indicated, all objectives are to be accomplished during or by the end of FY 2003-2004. Objectives may be key or supporting level. The level of the objective appears after the objective number and before the objective text.

Performance indicators are made up of two parts: name and value. The indicator name describes what is being measured. The indicator value is the numeric value or level achieved within a given measurement period. For budgeting purposes, performance indicators are shown for the prior fiscal year, the current fiscal year, and alternative funding scenarios (continuation budget level and Executive Budget recommendation level) for the ensuing fiscal year of the budget document. Performance indicators may be key, supporting, or general performance information level. Key level is indicated by a "K" in the "Level" column of the standard performance indicator table. Supporting level is indicated by an "S" in the "Level" column of the standard performance indicator table. General Performance Information indicators appear in tables labeled as General Performance Information.

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1. (KEY) To financially assist all students who qualify for a TOPS program award.

Strategic Link: This objective ties to OSFA Strategic Goal 1 in the Tuition Opportunity Program For Students (TOPS)

Louisiana: Vision 2020 Link: Objective 1.3 and Objective 1.5

Children's Budget Link: Not applicable

Other Link(s): This objective is associated with the TOPS Fund (tobacco settlement funds) which provides one source of funding for the Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) tying this objective to Action Plan 2002 Recommendation A-21

LaPAS PI CODE	L E V E L	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR NAME	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES					
			YEAREND PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 2001-2002	ACTUAL YEAREND PERFORMANCE FY 2001-2002	PERFORMANCE STANDARD AS INITIALLY APPROPRIATED FY 2002-2003	EXISTING PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 2002-2003	PERFORMANCE AT CONTINUATION BUDGET LEVEL FY 2003-2004	PERFORMANCE AT EXECUTIVE BUDGET LEVEL FY 2003-2004
8423	K	Total amount awarded	\$103,608,311	\$102,998,310	\$93,945,360	\$93,945,360	\$103,834,195	\$103,833,698
8412	K	Total number of recipients	40,038	40,458	37,455	37,455	38,255	38,255

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2. (KEY) To process and determine eligibility of 95% of all new applicants for the current academic year with a qualifying ACT score within 60 days from the final deadline.

Strategic Link: This objective ties to OSFA Strategic Objective I.1 in the Tuition Opportunity Program For Students (TOPS)

Louisiana: Vision 2020 Link: Objective 1.3 and Objective 1.5

Children's Budget Link: Not applicable

Other Link(s): This objective is associated with the TOPS Fund (tobacco settlement funds) which provides one source of funding for the Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) tying this objective to Action Plan 2002 Recommendation A-21

LaPAS PI CODE	L E V E L	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR NAME	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES					
			YEAREND PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 2001-2002	ACTUAL YEAREND PERFORMANCE FY 2001-2002	PERFORMANCE STANDARD AS INITIALLY APPROPRIATED FY 2002-2003	EXISTING PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 2002-2003	PERFORMANCE AT CONTINUATION BUDGET LEVEL FY 2003-2004	PERFORMANCE AT EXECUTIVE BUDGET LEVEL FY 2003-2004
11430	S	Number of applicants meeting minimal requirements ¹	15,400 ³	18,749	19,326	19,326	16,456 ⁴	16,456
11431	S	Number of applicants receiving notice of eligibility ²	14,630 ³	18,652	18,359	18,359	15,622	15,622
11433	K	Percent of applicants meeting minimal requirements, processed and notified within 60 days	95% ³	99%	95%	95%	95%	95%

¹ Applicants must meet at a minimum the following requirements: (1) Application must be received before July 1; (2) Meet all academic requirements; (3) Date of last ACT test must occur prior to July 1

² Notice of eligibility is a written notification sent to all qualified applicants meeting initial requirements needed for consideration of award

³ As reported in LaPAS for FY 2000-2001, the performance standard included both new and renewal recipients. Due to rule changes, not all recipients are required to renew by filing the FAFSA (application for federal educational financial aid).

⁴ This estimate assumes a 5% reduction in the number of eligible applicants due to calculation of GPA on core units only beginning with high school graduates of 2003, who will be the majority of the new recipients for FY 2003-04

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3. (KEY) To process 100% of all TOPS billing requests within 10 days of receiving accurate billing data from postsecondary institutions.

Strategic Link: This objective ties to OSFA Strategic Objective I.2 in the Tuition Opportunity Program For Students (TOPS)

Louisiana: Vision 2020 Link: Objective 1.3 and Objective 1.5

Children's Budget Link: Not applicable

Other Link(s): This objective is associated with the TOPS Fund (tobacco settlement funds) which provides one source of funding for the Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) tying this objective to Action Plan 2002 Recommendation A-21

Explanatory Note: This objective replaces Objective 3 for the TOPS Program in the FY 2001-2002 Operational Plan which reads "To process 100% of the students applying for renewal of a scholarship within 60 days of receiving accurate data from postsecondary institutions." Section 503.B in the rules for TOPS eliminated the requirement that all students must renew by filing a FAFSA (application for Federal

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11437	S	Total number of billing requests received	not available ¹	104,702	101,143	101,143 ²	99,520	99,520
11438	S	Total number of billing requests processed within 10 days of receipt	not available ¹	98,307	97,468	97,468 ²	99,520	99,520
13865	K	Percent billing requests processed within 10 days of receipt	not available ¹	94%	96%	96% ²	100%	100%

¹ New indicators added for FY 2002-2003, therefore the indicator has no year end performance standard for FY 2001-2002² The Existing Performance Standard reflects an estimate, not a standard

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GENERAL PERFORMANCE INFORMATION: AVERAGE AMOUNT AWARDED						
LaPAS PI CODE	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR NAME	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES				
		PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1997-98	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1998-99	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1999-00	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 2000-01	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 2001-02
11440	Opportunity	Not applicable	\$2,108	\$2,104	\$2,307	\$2,331
11441	Performance	Not applicable	\$2,640	\$2,625	\$2,812	\$2,801
11442	Honors	Not applicable	\$3,092	\$3,126	\$3,318	\$3,362
11443	Teachers	\$4,382	\$3,982	\$3,910	\$3,810	\$3,644
11444	Technical	Not applicable	\$529	\$520	\$701	\$721
11445	National Guard Book Fee	Not applicable	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300

EXPLANATORY NOTES:

TOPS Teacher program was first funded in FY 1997-98. The remaining TOPS components were first funded in FY 1998-99

Retroactive legislative changes in eligibility requirements may result in changes to the average amount awarded as previously reported in prior years

All values were calculated based on data compiled as of 10/10/02.

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GENERAL PERFORMANCE INFORMATION: RETENTION RATES FOR SECOND YEAR						
LaPAS PI CODE	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR NAME	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES				
		PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1997-98	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1998-99	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1999-00	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 2000-01	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 2001-02
11446	Opportunity	Not applicable	69.47%	74.37%	73.81%	65.82%
11448	Performance	Not applicable	74.07%	72.71%	73.45%	88.79%
11449	Honors	Not applicable	84.40%	84.21%	84.91%	94.52%
11450	Teachers	93.90% ⁵	94.92%	85.94%	97.30%	0.00%
11451	Technical	Not applicable	34.78%	39.53%	80.49%	56.20%

EXPLANATORY NOTES:

TOPS Teacher program was first funded in FY 1997-98. The remaining TOPS components were first funded in FY 1998-99

Except for the Teachers awards, the rates shown reflect the percentage of freshmen who maintain their TOPS eligibility as sophomores.

Since first time Teachers recipients are not required to be freshmen, the rates shown reflect the percentage of students who accepted the award for the 2nd year, with students who graduated during the academic year excluded from the calculation

Retroactive legislative program changes may result in changes to retention rates as previously reported in prior years.

National Guard Book Fee component is not presented, since this award is a fee for books only

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GENERAL PERFORMANCE INFORMATION: TEACHERS PREPARATION LOAN FUND						
LaPAS PI CODE	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR NAME	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES				
		PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1997-98	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1998-99	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1999-00	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 2000-01	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 2001-02
11452	Total amount awarded	\$398,757	\$398,198	\$398,885	\$400,000	\$200,426
11454	Total number of recipients	91	97	102	105	55
11459	Number of renewal awards	0	77	56	55	55
11458	Number of new awards	91	20	46	50	0
	STATUS TYPE	STATUS OF NEW AWARD RECIPIENTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2002				
11460	Number of graduates	79 ¹	17 ²	38 ³	26 ⁴	0 ⁵
11461	Number of graduates who have fulfilled their teaching	41 ¹	9 ²	5 ³	2 ⁴	0 ⁵
11462	Number of loans repaid in full	1 ¹	0 ²	0 ³	0 ⁴	0 ⁵
11466	Number of loans in repayment	7 ¹	1 ²	0 ³	0 ⁴	0 ⁵

EXPLANATORY NOTE:

The figures listed under "STATUS OF NEW AWARD RECIPIENTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2002" indicate the status of the new recipients awarded in each State Fiscal Year shown.

¹ These indicators reflect the status at the end of FY 2001-02 of the 91 students awarded for the first time in FY 1997-98.

² These indicators reflect the status at the end of FY 2001-02 of the 20 students awarded for the first time in FY 1998-99.

³ These indicators reflect the status at the end of FY 2001-02 of the 46 students awarded for the first time in FY 1999-00.

⁴ These indicators reflect the status at the end of FY 2001-02 of the 50 students awarded for the first time in FY 2000-01.

⁵ No additional students have been awarded since FY 2000-01. OSFA will disburse 21 renewal awards in FY 2002-03